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Food and Drug Administration
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RE: Docket No. 02N-0278 RIN 0910-AC41, Prior Notice of Imported Food Under the Public Health Security and Bioterrorism Preparedness and Response Act of 2002 (68 Federal Register 5428, February 3, 2003)

Dear Sir or Madam:

Ocean Spray Cranberries, Inc. (Ocean Spray) welcomes the opportunity to provide comments on the above referenced proposed rules relative to the "Prior Notice" requirements of "The Bioterrorism Act" (the Act).

Ocean Spray commends the FDA's continuing efforts to ensure the safety and security of the nation's food supply, however we request consideration of the following points of concern:

- We believe that seamless integration with current and pending U.S. Customs advanced manifest requirements will avoid duplication and excessive reporting burdens on the trade community. Consistency with U.S. Customs will minimize the economic impact of the Act to importers of FDA covered commodities.
- Consideration must be given to approved, low risk importers with recurring shipments. Providing a rolling window for notification in a way that takes into account the various modes of transportation and proximity from the border is essential to ensure the efficient and unrestricted flow of commerce.

Ocean Spray also strongly supports the comments submitted by The National Food Processors Association (NFPA) and request that careful consideration is given to their many recommendations.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Very Truly Yours,

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